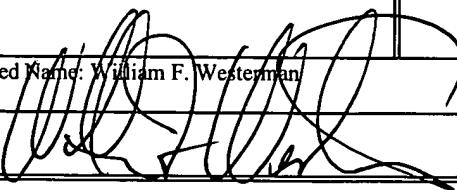


U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		DATE: April 20, 2005
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		U.S. Application No. if known 107531994
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.: PCT/JP2003/013249	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE: October 16, 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED: October 21, 2002
TITLE OF INVENTION: POSITIONING UNIT, AND POSITIONING ARM USING THE SAME		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: Takeyoshi DOHI, Ichiro SAKUMA, Etsuko MASUMUNE, Daeyoung KIM and Toji NAKAZAWA		
Applicant hereby submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)): a. <input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)</p> <p>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p>		
ITEMS 11. TO 20. BELOW CONCERN OTHER DOCUMENT(S) OR INFORMATION INCLUDED:		
<p>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 together with the international search report, PTO/SB/08.</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. ASSIGNEE NAME AND ADDRESS: <u>(1) Takeyoshi DOHI, Tokyo, Japan;</u> <u>(2) Ichiro SAKUMA, Yokohama-shi, Japan;</u> <u>(3) Etsuko MASAMUNE, Tokyo, Japan; and (4) THK CO., LTD., Tokyo, Japan</u> Please publish the assignee data with the application.</p> <p>13. <input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 C.F.R. 1.821 - 1.825.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: 7 sheets of drawings.</p>		

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21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:		CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
Basic National Stage Fee		\$ 300.00	
National Stage Search Fee		\$ 500.00	
National Stage Examination Fee		\$ 200.00	
ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =		\$ 1,000.00	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).		\$ 130.00	
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TOTAL	22 -20 =	2	X \$ 50.00
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Multiple dependent claims(s) (if applicable)		+ \$360.00	\$ 360.00
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SUBTOTAL =		\$1,590.00	
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TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =		\$1,590.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property +			
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =		\$1,590.00	
		Amount to be: refunded charged	\$
<p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of <u>\$1,590.00</u> to cover the above fees is enclosed. (\$300.00 for basic national stage fee; \$500.00 for national stage search fee; \$200.00 for national stage examination fee; \$100.00 for 2 additional claims; \$360.00 for multiple dependent claims and \$130.00 for late filing of the declaration).</p> <p>b. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-2866 in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees. (A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.)</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.</p>			
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed to request that the application be restored to pending status.			
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VERIFICATION OF TRANSLATION

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

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Sir :

I, Tetsuroh IDE, residing at 51-10, Shonandai 6-chome, Fujisawa-shi, Kanagawa, Japan, declare and state :

- (1) that I know well both the Japanese and English languages;
- (2) that I translated the above-identified International Application from Japanese to English;
- (3) that the attached English translation is a true and correct translation of the above-identified International Application to the best of my knowledge and belief; and
- (4) that all statements made of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 USC 1001, and that such false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date : April 4, 2005



Signature: Tetsuroh IDE